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To provide demonstration grants to institutions of higher education for the purpose of providing education and training in environmental restoration to dislocated defense workers and young adults.

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Ms. PELOSI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Economic
5 Conversion and Environmental Restoration Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall,
8 from amounts appropriated pursuant to section 9(a), pro-

1 vide demonstration grants to institutions of higher edu-
2 cation for the purpose of providing education and training
3 in environmental restoration to dislocated defense workers
4 and young adults.

5 (b) PERIOD OF GRANTS.—A grant received under
6 subsection (a) may extend for a period of not more than
7 3 fiscal years. The payments under such grant shall be
8 subject to annual approval by the Secretary and subject
9 to the availability of appropriations for each fiscal year.

10 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide a
12 grant to an institution of higher education under section
13 2(a) only if such institution submits to the Secretary an
14 application which contains such information as the
15 Secretary may reasonably require.

16 (b) ASSURANCES.—Such application shall include as-
17 surances that the institution of higher education will use
18 Federal funds received from a grant under section 2(a)
19 to supplement and not supplant non-Federal funds that
20 would otherwise be available for activities funded under
21 such section.

22 **SEC. 4. USE OF FUNDS.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—An institution of higher edu-
25 cation shall use amounts received from a grant

1 under section 2(a) to establish a consortium consist-
2 ing of the institution and the entities described in
3 paragraph (2) for the purpose of establishing a pro-
4 gram to provide education and training in environ-
5 mental restoration to the eligible individuals de-
6 scribed in subsection (b).

7 (2) ENTITIES DESCRIBED.—The entities de-
8 scribed in this paragraph are 1 or more of each of
9 the following:

10 (A) Representatives of appropriate State
11 and local agencies.

12 (B) Private industry councils (described in
13 section 102 of the Job Training Partnership
14 Act (29 U.S.C. 1512)).

15 (C) Community-based organizations.

16 (D) Businesses.

17 (E) Labor organizations.

18 (F) Other appropriate educational institu-
19 tions.

20 (b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—

21 (1) DISLOCATED DEFENSE WORKERS.—An in-
22 dividual who has been terminated or laid off from
23 employment, or has received notice of termination or
24 lay off, as a consequence of reductions in expendi-
25 tures by the United States for defense or by closures

1 of United States military facilities, as determined in
2 accordance with regulations developed by the Sec-
3 retary, shall be eligible for education and training in
4 environmental restoration under this section.

5 (2) YOUNG ADULTS.—An individual who has at-
6 tained the age of 16 but not the age of 25 shall be
7 eligible for education and training in environmental
8 restoration under this section.

9 (c) CONDUCT OF PROGRAM.—In conducting the pro-
10 gram established under subsection (a)(1), the consortium
11 shall meet the following requirements:

12 (1) PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING
13 IN ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The consortium shall
15 establish and provide a work-based learning
16 system consisting of education and training in
17 environmental restoration, which may include
18 basic educational courses, on-site basic skills
19 training, and mentor assistance to eligible indi-
20 viduals described in subsection (b), which may
21 lead to the awarding of a certificate of comple-
22 tion or advanced degree at the institution of
23 higher education.

24 (B) USE OF CLOSED MILITARY INSTALLA-
25 TION.—To the extent practicable, the consor-

tium shall utilize a military installation closed or selected to be closed under a base closure law in providing on-site basic skills training to eligible individuals described in subsection (b).

(2) OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT.—The consortium shall undertake outreach and recruitment efforts to encourage participation by eligible individuals in the program established under subsection (a)(1).

(3) SELECTION OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—The consortium shall—

(A) to the extent practicable, select eligible individuals described in each of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) for the program established under subsection (a)(1); and

(B) give priority in the selection of young adults described in subsection (b)(2) to those young adults who—

(i) have not attended and do not plan to attend a postsecondary educational institution; or

(ii) have, or are members of families who have, received a total family income that, in relation to family size, is not in excess of the higher of—

1 (I) the official poverty line (as
2 defined by the Office of Management
3 and Budget, and revised annually in
4 accordance with section 673(2) of the
5 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of
6 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)); or

7 (II) 70 percent of the lower living
8 standard income level.

9 (4) INSTRUCTORS.—The consortium shall, to
10 the extent practicable, select instructors for the pro-
11 gram established under subsection (a)(1) from insti-
12 tutions of higher education, appropriate community
13 programs, and industry and labor.

14 (5) JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES.—The consor-
15 tium shall provide job placement services to each eli-
16 gible individual who receives a certificate of comple-
17 tion or advanced degree under paragraph (1)(A).

18 (6) COORDINATION.—To the extent practicable,
19 the consortium shall consult with appropriate Fed-
20 eral, State, and local agencies carrying out environ-
21 mental restoration programs for the purpose of
22 achieving coordination between such programs and
23 the program established by the consortium under
24 subsection (a)(1).

1 **SEC. 5. SELECTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—To the extent practicable, the Sec-
3 retary shall provide grants to institutions of higher edu-
4 cation under section 2(a) in a manner which will equitably
5 distribute such grants among the various regions of the
6 United States.

7 (b) PRIORITY.—In providing grants to institutions of
8 higher education under section 2(a), the Secretary shall
9 give priority to institutions of higher education located in
10 urban areas.

11 **SEC. 6. ALLOCATION.**

12 The Secretary shall provide grants under section 2(a)
13 in a fiscal year to each institution of higher education in
14 an amount totaling not more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of amounts appro-
15 priated pursuant to section 9(a) for that fiscal year.

16 **SEC. 7. REPORTS.**

17 (a) REPORTS TO SECRETARY.—The Secretary may
18 provide a grant to an institution of higher education under
19 section 2(a) only if such institution agrees to submit to
20 the Secretary, in each fiscal year in which the Secretary
21 makes payments under such grant to such institution, a
22 report containing—

23 (1) a description and evaluation of the program
24 established by such consortium under section
25 4(a)(1); and

1 (2) any other information as the Secretary may
2 reasonably require.

3 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

4 (1) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 18
5 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,
6 the Secretary shall submit to the President and the
7 Congress an interim report containing—

8 (A) a compilation of the information con-
9 tained in the reports received by the Secretary
10 from each institution of higher education under
11 subsection (a); and

12 (B) an evaluation of the effectiveness of
13 the demonstration grants authorized under sec-
14 tion 2(a).

15 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than January 1,
16 1997, the Secretary shall submit to the President
17 and the Congress a final report containing—

18 (A) a compilation of the information de-
19 scribed in paragraph (1)(A); and

20 (B) a final evaluation of the effectiveness
21 of the demonstration grants authorized under
22 section 2(a), including a recommendation as to
23 the feasibility of reauthorizing such grants.

1 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

2 For purposes of this Act, the following definitions
3 apply:

4 (1) **BASE CLOSURE LAW.**—The term “base clo-
5 sure law” means the following:

6 (A) The Defense Base Closure and Re-
7 alignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of
8 Public Law 101–510; 104 Stat. 1808; 10
9 U.S.C. 2687 note).

10 (B) Title II of the Defense Authorization
11 Amendments and Base Closure and Realign-
12 ment Act (Public Law 100–526; 102 Stat.
13 2627; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note).

14 (C) Section 2687 of title 10, United States
15 Code.

16 (D) Any other similar law enacted after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (2) **ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION.**—The term
19 “environmental restoration” means actions taken
20 consistent with a permanent remedy to prevent or
21 minimize the release of hazardous substances into
22 the environment so that such substances do not mi-
23 grate to cause substantial danger to present or
24 future public health or welfare or the environment.

25 (3) **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**—The
26 term “institution of higher education” has the

1 meaning given such term in section 1201(a) of the
2 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141(a)).

3 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Labor.

5 (5) URBAN AREA.—The term “urban area”
6 means—

7 (A) a metropolitan statistical area having a
8 population of not less than 500,000 individuals;
9 or

10 (B) a State which does not contain a
11 standard metropolitan statistical area but has a
12 population of not less than 500,000 individuals.

13 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
15 priated \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1994
16 through 1996 to carry out this Act.

17 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized to be appro-
18 priated under subsection (a) shall remain available until
19 expended.

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